WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION International Burean



INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

(51) International Patent Classification 6:

C07D 209/04, 401/04, 403/04, A61K
31/40 // (C07D 403/04, 207:00, 209:00)

(11) International Publication Number:

WO 95/06636

(43) International Publication Date:

9 March 1995 (09.03.95)

(21) International Application Number:

PCT/IB94/00195

A1

(22) International Filing Date:

4 July 1994 (04.07.94)

(81) Designated States: AU, BR, CA, CN, CZ, HU, JP, KR, NO, NZ, PL, RU, US, European patent (AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE).

(30) Priority Data:

08/115,282

31 August 1993 (31.08.93)

US

Published

With international search report.

(60) Parent Application or Grant

(63) Related by Continuation

US Filed on 08/115,282 (CIP)

Filed on

31 August 1993 (31.08.93)

(71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): PFIZER INC. [US/US]; 235 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017 (US).

(72) Inventor; and

(75) Inventor/Applicant (for US only): MACOR, John, E. [US/US]; 83 Corrina Lane, Salem, CT 06420 (US).

(74) Agents: SPIEGEL, Allen, J. et al.; Pfizer Inc., Patent Dept., 235 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017 (US).

(54) Title: 5-ARYLINDOLE DERIVATIVES

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R_5 \\
R_4 \\
\hline
R_3
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R_5 \\
\hline
R_2
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
N^{-R_1} \\
\hline
R_2
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
N \\
\hline
R_1 \\
\hline
R_2
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
N \\
\hline
R_1 \\
\hline
R_2
\end{array}$$

(57) Abstract

Compounds of formula (I), wherein A, B, D, E, and F are each independently nitrogen or carbon; R₁ is hydrogen, C₁ to C₆ alkyl, -(CH₂)_mR₇, or C₁ to C₃ alkyl-aryl; R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ are each independently hydrogen, C₁ to C₆ alkyl, aryl, C₁ to C₃ alkyl-aryl, halogen, cyano, nitro, -(CH₂)_mNR₈R₉, -(CH₂)_mOR₉, -SR₉, -SO₂NR₈R₉, -(CH₂)_mNR₈SO₂R₉, -(CH₂)_mNR₈CO₂R₉, -(CH₂)_mNR₈

FOR THE PURPOSES OF INFORMATION ONLY

Codes used to identify States party to the PCT on the front pages of pamphlets publishing international applications under the PCT.

AT	Austria	GB	United Kingdom	MIR	Mauritania
ΑŪ	Australia	GE	Georgia	MW	Malawi
BB	Barbados	GN	Guinea	NE	Niger
BE	Belgium	GR	Greece	NL	Netherlands
BF	Burkina Faso	HŲ	Hungary	NO	Norway
BG	Bulgaria	Œ	Ireland	NZ	New Zealand .
BJ	Benin	П	Italy	PL	Poland
BR	Brazil	JP	Japan	PT	Portugal
BY	Belarus	KE	Kenya	RO	Romania
CA	Canada	KG	Kyrgystan	RU	Russian Federation
CF	Central African Republic	KP	Democratic People's Republic	SD	Sudan
CG	Congo		of Korea	SE	Sweden
CH	Switzerland	KR	Republic of Korea	SI	Slovenia
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	KZ.	Kazakhstan	SK ·	Slovakia
CM	Cameroon	LI	Liechtenstein	SN	Senegal
CN	China .	LK	. Sri Lanka	TD	Chad
CS	Czechoslovakia	LU	Luxembourg	TG	Togo
CZ	Czech Republic	LV	Latvia	TJ	Tajikistan
DE	Germany	MC	Monaco	TT	Trinidad and Tobago
DK	Denmark	MD	Republic of Moldova	UA	Ukraine
ES	Spain	MG	Madagascar	US	United States of America
FI	Finland	MIL	Mali	UZ	Uzbekistan
FR	Prance	MN	Mongolia	VN	Viet Nam
GA	Gabon		-		

10

15

20

25

30

35

5-ARYLINDOLE DERIVATIVES

Background of the Invention

The present invention relates to indole derivatives, to processes and intermediates for their preparation, to pharmaceutical compositions containing them and to their medicinal use. The active compounds of the present invention are useful in treating migraine and other disorders.

United States Patents 4,839,377 and 4,855,314 and European Patent Application Publication Number 313397 refer to 5-substituted 3-aminoalkyl indoles. The compounds are said to be useful for the treatment of migraine.

British Patent Application 040279 refers to 3-aminoalkyl-1H-indole-5-thioamides and carboxamides. The compounds are said to be useful in treating hypertension, Raymond's disease and migraine.

European Patent Application Publication Number 303506 refers to 3-poly:hydro-pyridyl-5-substituted-1H-indoles. The compounds are said to have 5-HT₁ receptor agonist and vasoconstrictor activity and to be useful in treating migraine.

European Patent Application Publication Number 354777 refers to N-piperidinyl:indolyl:ethyl-alkane sulfonamide derivatives. The compounds are said to have 5-HT, receptor agonist and vasoconstrictor activity and to be useful in treating cephalic pain.

European Patent Application Publication Numbers 438230, 494774, and 497512 refers to indole-substituted five-membered heteroaromatic compounds. The compounds are said to have 5-HT₁-like receptor agonist activity and to be useful in the treatment of migraine and other disorders for which a selective agonist of these receptors is indicated.

European Patent Application Publication Number 313397 refers to 5-heterocyclic indole derivatives. The compounds are said to have exceptional properties for the treatment and prophylaxis of migraine, cluster headache, and headache associated with vascular disorders. These compound are also said to have exceptional *5-HT₁-like* receptor agonism.

International Patent Application PCT/GB91/00908 and International Patent Application WO 91/18897 refers to 5-heterocyclic indole derivatives. The compounds are said to have exceptional properties for the treatment and prophylaxis of migraine,

cluster headache, and headache associated with vascular disorders. These compound are also said to have exceptional "5-HT,-like" receptor agonism.

European Patent Application Publication Number 457701 refers to aryloxy amine derivatives as having high affinity for 5-HT_{1D} serotonin receptors. These compounds are said to be useful for treating diseases related to serotonin receptor dysfunction, for example, migraine.

European Patent Application Publication Number 497512 A2 refers to a class of imidazole, triazole, and tetrazole derivatives which are selective agonists for 5-HT₁-like receptors. These compounds are said to be useful for treating migraine and associated disorders.

International patent application WO 9300086 describes a series of tetrahydrocarbazone derivatives as 5-HT, receptor agonists useful for the treatment of migraine and related conditions.

Y. Yang, et. al describe the synthesis of 5-arylindoles in <u>Heterocycles</u>, Vol. 34, 1395 (1992) via palladium catalyzed cross-coupling reactions.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention relates to compounds of the formula

10

15

25

wherein A, B, D, E, and F are each independently nitrogen or carbon; R_1 is hydrogen, C_1 to C_6 alkyl, $-(CH_2)_nR_7$, or C_1 to C_3 alkyl-aryl; R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 and R_6 are each independently hydrogen, C_1 to C_6 alkyl, aryl, C_1 to C_3 alkyl-aryl, halogen (e.g. fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine), cyano, nitro, $-(CH_2)_mNR_8R_9$, $-(CH_2)_mOR_9$, $-SR_9$, $-SO_2NR_8R_9$, $-(CH_2)_mNR_8SO_2R_9$, $-(CH_2)_mNR_8CO_2R_9$, $-(CH_2)_mNR_8CO_2R_9$, $-(CH_2)_mCONR_7R_9$, or $-(CH_2)_mCO_2R_9$; R_2 and R_3 , R_3 and R_4 , R_4 and R_5 , and R_6 may be taken together to form a five- to seven-membered alkyl ring, a six-membered aryl ring, a five- to seven-

20

membered heteroalkyl ring, having 1 heteroatom of N, O, or S, or a five- to six-membered heteroaryl ring having 1 or 2 heteroatoms of N, O, or S; R₇ is OR₁₀, -SR₁₀, -SO₂NR₁₀R₁₁, -NR₁₀SO₂R₁₁, -NR₁₀CO₂R₁₁, -NR₁₀COR₁₁, -CONR₁₀R₁₁, or -CO₂R₁₀; R₈, R₉, R₁₀ and R₁₁ are independently hydrogen, C₁ to C₈ alkyl, or C₁ to C₃ alkyl-aryl; m is 0, 1, or 2; n is 2, 3, or 4; and the above aryl groups and the aryl moieties of the above alkyl-aryl groups are each independently phenyl or substituted phenyl, wherein said substituted phenyl may be substituted with one to three of C₁ to C₄ alkyl, halogen (e.g. fluorine, chlorine bromine or iodine), hydroxy, cyano, carboxamido, nitro, or C₁ to C₄ alkoxy, and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof. These compounds are potent 5-HT₁ agonists with selectivity for the 5-HT_{1D} receptor and are useful in treating migraine and other disorders.

The compounds of the invention include all optical isomers of formula I (e.g. R and S stereogenicity at any chiral site) and their racemic, diastereomeric, or epimeric mixtures.

Unless otherwise indicated, the alkyl and alkenyl groups referred to herein, as well as the alkyl moieties of other groups referred to herein (e.g. alkoxy), may be linear or branched, and they may also be cyclic (e.g. cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, or cyclohexyl) or be linear or branched and contain cyclic moieties.

Preferred compounds of the invention are compounds of the formula I wherein B or E is nitrogen; A or F is carbon; R_1 is hydrogen, C_1 to C_3 alkyl, or -(CH_2)₂OCH₃.

The following compounds are particularly preferred:

3-(N-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)-5-(pyrimid-5-yl)-1H-indole;

5-(pyrimid-5-yl)-3-(pyrrolidin-3-yl)-1H-indole;

3-[N-(2-methoxyethyl)pyrrolidin-3-yl]-5-(pyrimid-5-yl)-1H-indole;

25 3-(N-ethylpyrrolidin-3-yl)-5-(pyrimid-5-yl)-1H-indole;

5-(3-cyanopyrid-5-yl)-3-(N-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)-1H-indole;

5-(3-cyanopyrid-5-yl)-3-(pyrrolidin-3-yl)-1H-indole;

5-(3-cyanopyrid-5-yl)-1H-3-[N-(2-methoxyethyl)pyrrolidin-3-yl]-indole; and

3-(N-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)-5-(1,2,4-triazin-3-yl)-1H-indole.

The present invention also relates to a compound of the formula

-4-

10

15

5

wherein X is halogen [chloride, bromide, iodide] or -OSO₂CF₃ and R₁₂ is hydrogen, methyl, or benzyl. These compounds are useful as intermediates in preparing compounds of formula I.

The present invention also relates to a pharmaceutical composition for treating a condition selected from hypertension, depression, anxiety, eating disorders, obesity, drug abuse, cluster headache, migraine, pain, and chronic paroxysmal hemicrania and headache associated with vascular disorders comprising an amount of a compound of the formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof effective in treating such condition and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

20

The present invention also relates to a method for treating a condition selected from hypertension, depression, anxiety, eating disorders, obesity, drug abuse, cluster headache, migraine, pain and chronic paroxysmal hemicrania and headache associated with vascular disorders comprising administering to a mammal (e.g., a human) requiring such treatment an amount of a compound of the formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof effective in treating such condition.

25

The present invention also relates to a method for treating disorders arising from deficient serotonergic neurotransmission (e.g., depression, anxiety, eating disorders, obesity, drug abuse, cluster headache, migraine, pain and chronic paroxysmal hemicrania and headache associated with vascular disorders) comprising administering to a mammal (e.g., a human) requiring such treatment an amount of a compound of the formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof effective in treating such condition.

The present invention also relates to a method for treating disorders arising from deficient serotonergic neurotransmission (e.g., depression, anxiety, eating disorders, obesity, drug abuse, cluster headache, migraine, pain and chronic paroxysmal hemicrania and headache associated with vascular disorders) comprising administering to a mammal (e.g., a human) requiring such treatment an amount of a compound of the formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof effective in treating such condition.

Detailed Description of the Invention

The compounds of formula I can be prepared via the following reaction scheme:

10

PCT/IB94/00195

-6-

5

25

VII

-7-

15

10

WO 95/06636 PCT/IB94/00195

-8-

Compounds of formula III wherein X is halogen [chloride, bromide, iodide] or -OSO₂CF₃ and R₁₂ is hydrogen, methyl, or benzyl can be prepared from the condensation of a compound of formula IV wherein X is as defined above with a compound of formula V wherein R₁₂ is as defined above in an inert solvent. Suitable inert solvents include C₁ to C₃ alcohols, acetic acid, formic acid, and N,N-dimethylformamide. The preferred solvent is acetic acid. The reaction is usually conducted at a temperature of from about 65°C to about 154°C, preferably about 100°C to about 110°C.

Compounds of formula II wherein X and R₁₂ are as defined above can be prepared via the reduction of a compound of formula III wherein R₁₂ is as defined above in an inert solvent. Suitable reducing agents include lithium aluminum hydride, lithium borohydride, and diborane. Lithium aluminum hydride is the preferred reducing agent. Suitable inert solvents include tetrahydrofuran, dioxane, diethyl ether, and other ethers. Tetrahydrofuran is the preferred solvent. The reaction is usually conducted at a temperature of from about 25°C to about 100°C, preferably at about 65°C.

10

15

20

30

Compounds of formula VI wherein A, B, D, E, F, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ are as defined above can be prepared from a compound of formula VII wherein A, B, D, E, F, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ are as defined above, and Z is halogen [chloride, bromide, iodide] or -OSO₂CF₃ via a transition metal catalyzed insertion reaction using hexamethylditin in an inert solvent, usually in the presence of a base, lithium chloride, and butylated hydroxytoluene [i.e., 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol, BHT]. Suitable catalysts are of palladium (II) and palladium (0) species, such as palladium (II) acetate, palladium (II) chloride, bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium (II) chloride, and tetrakis(triphenylphoshine)palladium(0). The preferred catalyst is tetrakis(triphenylphoshine)palladium(0). Suitable inert solvents include ethers, such as tetrahydrofuran and dioxane, acetonitrile, N,N-dimethylformamide, and N-methylpyrrolidin-2-one. Dioxane is the preferred inert solvent. Suitable bases include tertiary amines, sodium bicarbonate, and sodium carbonate. The preferred base is triethylamine. The reaction is usually conducted at a temperature between about 70°C and about 210°C, preferably between about 90°C and 154°C.

Compounds of formula la wherein A, B, D, E, F, R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , and R_{12} are as defined above can be prepared by the transition metal catalyzed aryl cross-coupling reaction between a compound of formula II wherein X and R_{12} are as defined above

15

20

25

30

and a compound of formula VI wherein A, B, D, E, F, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ are as defined above in an inert solvent, usually in the presence of a base, lithium chloride, and butylated hydroxytoluene [i.e., 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol, BHT]. Suitable catalysts are palladium (II) and palladium (0) species, such as palladium (II) acetate, palladium (II) chloride, bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium (II) chloride, tetrakis(triphenylphoshine)palladium(0). The preferred catalyst is bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) chloride. Suitable inert solvents include acetonitrile, N,N-dimethylformamide, and N-methylpyrrolidin-2-one. N,N-dimethylformamide is the preferred inert solvent. Suitable bases include tertiary amines, sodium bicarbonate, and sodium carbonate. The preferred base is triethylamine. The reaction is usually conducted at a temperature between about 70°C and about 210°C, preferably between about 90°C and 154°C.

Compounds of formula Ib wherein A, B, D, E, F, R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ are as defined above can be prepared from a compound of formula la wherein R₁₂ is benzyl, and A, B, D, E, F, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ are as defined above via a reductive amination using an aldehyde of the formula R₁₃CHO, where R₁₃ is C₁ to C₅ alkyl, -(CH₂)₈R₇, or C₁ to C₂ alkyl-aryl, s is 1, 2, or 3, and R₇ is as defined above, along with a transition metal catalyst, and a hydrogen source in an inert solvent. Suitable catalysts include palladium on carbon, Raney nickel, platinum oxide, and palladium hydroxide on carbon. The preferred catalyst is palladium hydroxide on carbon. Suitable hydrogen sources include hydrogen gas, ammonium formate, and formic acid. Hydrogen gas at a pressure of from about one to about three atmospheres is the preferred hydrogen source. Three atmospheres of hydrogen gas is the preferred pressure. Suitable solvents include C₁ to C₄ alcohols, acetonitrile, N,N-dimethylformamide, and N-methylpyrrolidine. Ethanol is the preferred solvent. The reaction is usually conducted at a temperature of from about 25°C to about 100°C, preferably about 25°C to about 50°C.

Compounds of formula IV, formula V, and formula VII are either commercially available or can be prepared using methods known to one skilled in the art. Aldehydes of the formula R_{13} CHO wherein R_{13} is as defined above are also either commercially available or can be prepared using methods known to one skilled in the art.

Unless indicated otherwise, the pressure of each of the above reactions is not critical. Generally, the reactions will be conducted at a pressure of from about one to about three atmospheres, preferably at ambient pressure (about one atmosphere).

25

30

The compounds of the formula I which are basic in nature are capable of forming a wide variety of different salts with various inorganic and organic acids. Although such salts must be pharmaceutically acceptable for administration to animals, it is often desirable in practice to initially isolate a compound of the formula I from the reaction mixture as a pharmaceutically unacceptable salt and then simply convert the latter back to the free base compound by treatment with an alkaline reagent, and subsequently convert the free base to a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt. The acid addition salts of the base compounds of this invention are readily prepared by treating the base compound with a substantially equivalent amount of the chosen mineral or organic acid in an aqueous solvent medium or in a suitable organic solvent such as methanol or ethanol. Upon careful evaporation of the solvent, the desired solid salt is obtained.

The acids which are used to prepare the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts of the base compounds of this invention are those which form non-toxic acid addition salts, i.e., salts containing pharmacologically acceptable anions, such as hydrochloride, hydrobromide, hydroiodide, nitrate, sulfate or bisulfate, phosphate or acid phosphate, acetate, lactate, citrate or acid citrate, tartrate or bitartrate, succinate, maleate, fumarate, gluconate, saccharate, benzoate, methanesulfonate and pamoate [i.e., 1,1'-methylene-bis-(2-hydroxy-3-naphthoate)] salts.

Those compounds of the formula I which are also acidic in nature, e.g., where R₂ contains a carboxylate, are capable of forming base salts with various pharmacologically acceptable cations. Examples of such salts include the alkali metal or alkaline-earth metal salts and particular, the sodium and potassium salts. These salts are all prepared by conventional techniques. The chemical bases which are used as reagents to prepare the pharmaceutically acceptable base salts of this invention are those which form non-toxic base salts with the herein described acidic compounds of formula I. These non-toxic base salts include those derived from such pharmacologically acceptable cations as sodium, potassium calcium and magnesium, etc. These salts can easily be prepared by treating the corresponding acidic compounds with an aqueous solution containing the desired pharmacologically acceptable cations, and then evaporating the resulting solution to dryness, preferably under reduced pressure. Alternatively, they may also be prepared by mixing lower alkanolic solutions of the acidic compounds and the desired alkali metal alkoxide

10

15

20

25

30

together, and then evaporating the resulting solution to dryness in the same manner as before. In either case, stoichiometric quantities of reagents are preferably employed in order to ensure completeness of reaction of maximum product of yields of the desired final product.

The compounds of the formula I and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof (hereinafter, also referred to as the active compounds of the invention) are useful psychotherapeutics and are potent serotonin (5-HT₁) agonists with selectivity for the 5-HT_{1p} receptor and may be used in the treatment of depression, anxiety, eating disorders, obesity, drug abuse, cluster headache, migraine, chronic paroxysmal hemicrania and headache associated with vascular disorders, pain, and other disorders arising from deficient serotonergic neurotransmission. The compounds can also be used as centrally acting antihypertensives and vasodilators. The active compounds of the invention can be evaluated as anti-migraine agents by testing the extent to which they mimic sumatriptan in contracting the dog isolated saphenous vein strip [P.P.A. Humphrey et al., <u>Br. J. Pharmacol.</u>, 94, 1128 (1988)]. This effect can be blocked by methiothepin, a known serotonin antagonist. Sumatriptan is known to be useful in the treatment of migraine and produces a selective increase in carotid vascular resistance in the anesthetized dog. It has been suggested [W. Fenwick et al., <u>Br. J. Pharmacol.</u>, 96, 83 (1989)] that this is the basis of its efficacy.

The active compounds of the present invention can also be evaluated via the plasma protein extravasation response within the dura mater of guinea pigs following unilateral electrical trigeminal ganglion stimulation, as described in Markowitz et al., <u>J. Neurosci.</u>, <u>7</u> (12), 4129-4136 (1987). The extent to which they mimic sumatriptan, in terms of both potency and efficacy, is determined in this assay.

The serotonin 5-HT₁ agonist activity is measured in <u>in vitro</u> receptor binding assays as described for the 5-HT_{1A} receptor using rat cortex as the receptor source and [³H]-8-OH-DPAT as the radioligand [D. Hoyer et al. <u>Eur. J. Pharm.</u>, Vol. 118, 13 (1985)] and as described for the 5-HT_{1D} receptor using bovine caudate as the receptor source and [³H]serotonin as the radioligand [R.E. Heuring and S.J. Peroutka, <u>J. Neuroscience</u>, Vol.7, 894 (1987)]. 5-HT agonist activity is defined by agents with affinities (IC₅₀s) of 250nM or less at either binding assay.

The compositions of the present invention may be formulated in a conventional manner using one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers. Thus, the active

WO 95/06636 PCT/IB94/00195

compounds of the invention may be formulated for oral, buccal, intranasal, parenteral (e.g., intravenous, intramuscular or subcutaneous) or rectal administration or in a form suitable for administration by inhalation or insufflation.

For oral administration, the pharmaceutical compositions may take the form of, 5 for example, tablets or capsules prepared by conventional means with pharmaceutically acceptable excipients such as binding agents (e.g. pregelatinised maize starch, polyvinylpyrrolidone or hydroxypropyl methylcellulose); fillers (e.g. lactose, microcrystalline cellulose or calcium phosphate); lubricants (e.g. magnesium stearate, talc or silica); disintegrants (e.g. potato starch or sodium starch glycolate); or wetting agents (e.g. sodium lauryl sulphate). The tablets may be coated by methods well known in the art. Liquid preparations for oral administration may take the form of, for example, solutions, syrups or suspensions, or they may be presented as a dry product for constitution with water or other suitable vehicle before use. Such liquid preparations may be prepared by conventional means with pharmaceutically acceptable additives 15 such as suspending agents (e.g. sorbitol syrup, methyl cellulose or hydrogenated edible fats); emulsifying agents (e.g. lecithin or acacia); non-aqueous vehicles (e.g. almond oil, oily esters or ethyl alcohol); and preservatives (e.g. methyl or propyl phydroxybenzoates or sorbic acid).

For buccal administration the composition may take the form of tablets or lozenges formulated in conventional manner.

20

25

30

The active compounds of the invention may be formulated for parenteral administration by injection, including using conventional catheterization techniques or infusion. Formulations for injection may be presented in unit dosage form e.g. in ampules or in multi-dose containers, with an added preservative. The compositions may take such forms as suspensions, solutions or emulsions in oily or aqueous vehicles, and may contain formulating agents such as suspending, stabilizing and/or dispersing agents. Alternatively, the active ingredient may be in powder form for reconstitution with a suitable vehicle, e.g. sterile pyrogen-free water, before use.

The active compounds of the invention may also be formulated in rectal compositions such as suppositories or retention enemas, e.g., containing conventional suppository bases such as cocoa butter or other glycerides.

For intranasal administration or administration by inhalation, the active compounds of the invention are conveniently delivered in the form of a solution or

suspension from a pump spray container that is squeezed or pumped by the patient or as an aerosol spray presentation from a pressurized container or a nebulizer, with the use of a suitable propellant, e.g. dichlorodifluoromethane, trichlorofluoromethane, dichlorotetrafluoroethane, carbon dioxide or other suitable gas. In the case of a pressurized aerosol, the dosage unit may be determined by providing a valve to deliver a metered amount. The pressurized container or nebulizer may contain a solution or suspension of the active compound. Capsules and cartridges (made, for example, from gelatin) for use in an inhaler or insufflator may be formulated containing a powder mix of a compound of the invention and a suitable powder base such as lactose or starch.

A proposed dose of the active compounds of the invention for oral, parenteral or buccal administration to the average adult human for the treatment of the conditions referred to above (e.g., migraine) is 0.1 to 200 mg of the active ingredient per unit dose which could be administered, for example, 1 to 4 times per day.

Aerosol formulations for treatment of the conditions referred to above (e.g., migraine) in the average adult human are preferably arranged so that each metered dose or "puff" of aerosol contains $20\mu g$ to $1000\mu g$ of the compound of the invention. The overall daily dose with an aerosol will be within the range $100~\mu g$ to 10~mg. Administration may be several times daily, for example 2, 3, 4 or 8 times, giving for example, 1, 2 or 3 doses each time.

The following Examples illustrate the preparation of the compounds of the present invention and are not intended to limit in any way the scope of the claims. Commercial reagents were utilized without further purification. Melting points are uncorrected. NMR data are reported in parts per million (d) and are referenced to the deuterium lock signal from the sample solvent. Specific rotations were measured at room temperature using the sodium D line (589 nm). Unless otherwise stated, all mass spectrum were performed using electron impact (EI, 70 eV) conditions. Chromatography refers to column chromatography performed using 32-63 μ m silica gel and executed under nitrogen pressure (flash chromatography) conditions. Room temperature refers to 20-25°C.

30

10

15

. 20

Example 1

3-(N-Methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)-5-(pyrimid-5-yl)-1H-indole

A mixture of 5-bromo-3-(N-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)-1H-indole (0.450 g, 1.86 mmol), 5-trimethylstannylpyrimidine (0.518 g, 1.86 mmol), bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II)

20

chloride (0.100 g), triethylamine (0.84 mL, 6.03 mmol, 3.2 eq), lithium chloride (0.254 g), and 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol (3.0 g) in anhydrous N,N-dimethylformamide (8 mL) was heated at reflux under nitrogen for 4 hours. The resulting reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was column chromatographed using silica gel (approximately 25 g) and elution with 9:1:0.1 [methylene chloride/methanol/ammonium hydroxide] afforded the title compound (0.089 g, 0.32 mmol, 17%) as an off-white solid: mp, 140.0-143.0°C; TLC R, = 0.20 in 9:1:0.1 [methylene chloride/methanol/ammonium hydroxide]; 1 H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 9.05 (s, 2H), 9.03 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, \underline{J} =1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, \underline{J} =8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, \underline{J} =1.6 and 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1 exchangeable H), 3.78-3.66 (m, 1H), 3.16 (t, \underline{J} =8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.92-2.84 (m, 1H), 2.72-2.59 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.42-2.33 (m, 1H), 2.10-1.99 (m, 1H); 13 C NMR (CD₃OD) d 156.6, 155.9, 138.9, 137.7, 129.0, 125.4, 123.2, 121.4, 119.7, 118.7, 113.6, 63.5, 57.1, 42.6, 36.3, 33.2; FAB LRMS (m/z, relative intensity) 279 ([MH] $^+$, 100); HRMS calculated for C₁₇H₁₈N₄ 278.1533, found 278.1520.

Example 2

5-(5-Cyanopyrid-3-yl)-3-(N-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)-1H-indole

A mixture of 5-bromo-3-(N-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)-1H-indole (0.500 g, 1.79 mmol), 5-cyano-3-trimethylstannylpyridine (0.525 g, 1.97 mmol, 1.1 eq), bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) chloride (0.628 g, 0.90 mmol, 0.5 eq), triethylamine (1.19 mL, 8.59 mmol, 4.8 eq), lithium chloride (0.235 g, 5.55 mmol, 3.1 eq), and 2,6-ditert-butyl-4-methylphenol (40 mg) in anhydrous acetontrile (5 mL) was heated at reflux under nitrogen for 20 hours. The resulting reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was column chromatographed using silica gel (approx 50 g) and elution with 9:1:0.1 [methylene chloride/methanol/ammonium hydroxide] to afford the title compound (0.060 g, 0.20 mmol, 11%) as a clear, pale brown oil: LRMS (m/z, relative intensity) 302 (M+, 29), 245 (8), 57 (100); HRMS calculated for C₁₉H₁₈N₄ 302.1528, found 302.1533.

Example 3

5-Bromo-3-(N-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)-1H-indole

To a stirred mixture of lithium aluminum hydride (1.10 g, 29.0 mmol, 2.2 eq) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (60 mL) at 0°C was added 3-(5-bromoindol-3-yl)-N-methylsuccinimide (4.00 g, 13.02 mmol) portionwise cautiously. The resulting reaction mixture was heated at reflux under nitrogen for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was then

cooled, and sodium sulfate decahydrate (approximately 20 g) was added slowly and cautiously, followed by the addition of water (approximately 2 mL) and ethyl acetate (200 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature under nitrogen for 2 hours, and then filtered through Celite®. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to afford the title compound (2.64 g, 9.46 mmol, 73%) as an off-white solid: mp, 163.0-164.0°C; TLC R_r = 0.30 in 9:1:0.1 [methylene chloride/methanol/ammonium hydroxide]; 1 H NMR (DMSO-d₈) δ 11.0 (br m, NH), 7.74 (d, J=1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J=8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (br s, 1H), 7.15 (dd, J=1.7 and 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.55-3.45 (m, 1H), 2.88 (t, J=8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.62-2.42 (m, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.28-2.21 (m, 1H), 1.90-1.80 (m, 1H); 13 C NMR (DMSO-d₈) d 135.4, 128.2, 123.4, 122.9, 121.1, 118.3, 113.5, 110.8, 62.6, 56.0, 42.1, 34.4, 32.2; HMRS calculated for $C_{13}H_{15}BrN_2$ 278.0415, found 278.0355.

Example 4

3-(5-Bromoindol-3-yl)-N-methylsuccinimide

15

20

25

A solution of 5-bromoindole (4.00 g, 20.40 mmol) and N-methylmaleimide (5.00 g, 45.00 mmol, 2.2 eq) in glacial acetic acid (50 mL) was heated at reflux under nitrogen for 120 hours. The resulting reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was stirred vigorously in a solution of ether/methylene chloride (9:1, 200 mL) for 2 hours. Undissolved solid was filtered to afford the title compound (4.34 g, 14.13 mmol, 69%) as a pale yellow solid: mp, 196.0-197.0°C; TLC $R_{\rm I}=0.3$ in diethyl ether; $^1{\rm H}$ NMR (CDCl $_3$) δ 8.35 (br m, NH), 7.56 (d, J=1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J=1.7 and 8.6 Hz, 1H0, 7.22 (d, J=8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (br s, 1H), 4.26 (dd, J=5.1 and 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd, J=9.4 and 18.3 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (s, 3H), 2.87 (dd, J=5.1 and 18.3 Hz, 1H); FAB LRMS (m/z, relative intensity, NH $_4$ + as ionization source) 326 ([M(with 81 Br)·NH $_4$]+, 100), 324 ([M(with 78 Br)·NH $_4$]+, 96), 309 ([M(with 81 Br)·H]+, 21), 307 ([M(with 78 Br)·H]+, 20). Anal. calcd for C_{13} H₁₁BrN₂O₂: C, 50.84; H, 3.61; N, 9.12. Found: C, 50.67; H, 3.43; N, 9.00.

Example 5

5-Trimethylstannylpyrimidine

A mixture of 5-bromopyrimidine (4.00 g, 25.16 mmol), hexamethylditin (9.06 g, 27.67 mmol, 1.1 eq), lithium chloride (1.27 g, 30.19 mmol, 1.2 eq) tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (1.13 g, 0.98 mmol, 0.04 eq), and 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol (0.08 g) in anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (45 mL) has heated at reflux under nitrogen for 16 hours. The resultant reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced

15

pressure, and the residue was directly column chromatographed using silica gel (approximately 250 g) and elution with ethyl acetate/hexanes (1:1) to afford the title compound (4.75 g, 19.6 mmol, 78%) as a clear, pale yellow liquid: TLC $R_1 = 0.6$ in 1:1 ethyl acetate/hexanes; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 9.11 (s, 1H), 8.70 (s, 2H), 0.38 (s, 9H).

Example 6

5-Cyano-3-trimethylstannylpyridine

A mixture of 3-bromo-5-cyanopyridine (0.58 g, 3.17 mmol) [C. Zwart and J.P. Wibaut, Rec. trav. chim., 74, 1062 (1955)], lithium chloride (0.161 g, 3.80 mmol, 1.2 eq), 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol(12mg), tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.145 g, 0.13 mmol, 0.04 eq), and hexamethylditin (1.14 g, 3.49 mmol, 1.1 eq) in anhydrous dioxane (6 mL) was heated at reflux under nitrogen for 4.5 hours. The resulting reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was column chromatographed using silica gel (approx 50 g) and elution with 3:1 [hexanes/ether] to afford the title compound (0.68 g, 2.55 mmol, 80%) as a white solid: mp, 77.0-79.0°C; IR (KBr) 2231 cm⁻¹; R_f = 0.4 in diethyl ether; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.79-8.77 (m, 2H), 8.01 (dd, \underline{J} =2.1 and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 0.38 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 158.4, 151.7, 146.4, 138.3, 117.1, 110.3, 3.0.

CLAIMS

1. A compound of the formula

10

15

25

30

5

wherein A, B, D, E, and F are each independently nitrogen or carbon; R_1 is hydrogen, C_1 to C_6 alkyl, $-(CH_2)_nR_7$, or C_1 to C_3 alkyl-aryl; R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 and R_6 are each independently hydrogen, C_1 to C_6 alkyl, aryl, C_1 to C_3 alkyl-aryl, halogen, cyano, nitro, $-(CH_2)_mNR_8R_9$, $-(CH_2)_mOR_9$, $-SR_9$, $-SO_2NR_8R_9$, $-(CH_2)_mNR_8SO_2R_9$, $-(CH_2)_mNR_8CO_2R_9$, $-(CH_2)_mNR_8CO_3R_9$, $-(CH_2)_mCONR_7R_9$, or $-(CH_2)_mCO_2R_9$; R_2 and R_3 , R_3 and R_4 , R_4 and R_5 , and R_5 and R_6 may be taken together to form a five- to seven-membered alkyl ring, a six-membered ary ring, a five- to seven-membered heteroalkyl ring, having 1 heteroatom of N, O, or S, or a five- to six-membered heteroaryl ring having 1 or 2 heteroatoms of N, O, or S, R_7 is $-OR_{10}$, $-SR_{10}$, $-SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$, $-NR_{10}SO_2R_{11}$, $-NR_{10}CO_2R_{11}$, $-NR_{10}CO_2R_{11}$, $-CONR_{10}R_{11}$, or $-CO_2R_{10}$; R_8 , R_9 , R_{10} and R_{11} are each independently hydrogen, C_1 to C_6 alkyl, or C_1 to C_3 alkyl-aryl; m is 0, 1, or 2; n is 2, 3, or 4; and the above aryl groups and the aryl moieties of the above alkyl-aryl groups are each independently phenyl or substituted phenyl, wherein said substituted phenyl may be substituted with one to three of C_1 to C_4 alkyl, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, carboxamido, nitro, or C_1 to C_4 alkoxy, and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

- 2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein B or E is nitrogen; A or F is carbon; R₁ is hydrogen, C₁ to C₃ alkyl, or -(CH₂)₂OCH₃.
- A compound according to claim 1, said compound being selected from:
 3-(N-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)-5-(pyrimid-5-yl)-1H-indole;

5-(pyrimid-5-yl)-3-(pyrrolidin-3-yl)-1H-indole;

- 3-[N-(2-methoxyethyl)pyrrolidin-3-yl]-5-(pyrimid-5-yl)-1H-indole;
- 3-(N-ethylpyrrolidin-3-yl)-5-(pyrimid-5-yl)-1H-indole;

5-(3-cyanopyrid-5-yl)-3-(N-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)-1H-indole;

5-(3-cyanopyrid-5-yl)-3-(pyrrolidin-3-yl)-1H-indole;

5-(3-cyanopyrid-5-yl)-3-[N-(2-methoxyethyl)pyrrolidin-3-yl]-1H-indole; and

3-(N-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)-5-(1,2,4-triazin-3-yl)-1H-indole.

- 4. A pharmaceutical composition for treating a condition selected from hypertension, depression, anxiety, eating disorders, obesity, drug abuse, cluster headache, migraine, pain, and chronic paroxysmal hemicrania and headache associated with vascular disorders comprising an amount of a compound according to claim 1 effective in treating such condition and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 5. A pharmaceutical composition for treating disorders arising from deficient serotonergic neurotransmission comprising an amount of a compound according to claim 1 effective in treating such a disorder and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
 - 6. A method for treating a condition selected from hypertension, depression, anxiety, eating disorders, obesity, drug abuse, cluster headache, migraine, pain, and chronic paroxysmal hemicrania and headache associated with vascular disorders comprising administering to a mammal requiring such treatment an amount of a compound according to claim 1 effective in treating such condition.
 - 7. A method for treating disorders arising from deficient serotonergic neurotransmission comprising administering to a mammal requiring such treatment an amount of a compound according to claim 1 effective in treating such condition.
 - 8. A compound of the formula

25

20

30

wherein X is halogen or -OSO₂CF₃ and R₁₂ is hydrogen, methyl, or benzyl.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Inter anal Application No
PCT/IB 94/00195

A. CLASS IPC 6	IFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER C07D209/04 C07D401/04 C07D403/ /(C07D403/04,207:00,209:00)	/04 A61K31/40 /	•
According	to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classi	fication and IPC	
B. FIELDS	SEARCHED	<u> </u>	
Minimum d IPC 6	locumentation searched (classification system followed by classification CO7D A61K	ion symbols)	
_	tion searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that	nich documents are included in the fields s	earched
Electronic	lata base consulted during the international search (name of data bas	e am, where practical, scarch clims escay	
C. DOCUM	IENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the re	elevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	WO,A,93 11106 (PFIZER) 10 June 19 see whole document	1-7	
Y	WO,A,91 18897 (THE WELLCOME FOUND December 1991 cited in the application see whole document	1-7	
X	WO,A,93 14087 (GLAXO) 22 July 199 see example 1 (ii) see page 13 - page 14	8	
P , Y	WO,A,93 21178 (PFIZER) 28 October see whole document	1993	1-7
	·	•	
	·	•	
Furt	her documents are listed in the continuation of box C.	X Patent family members are listed	in annex.
Special ca	tegories of cited documents:	T later document published after the inte	
	ent defining the general state of the art which is not ered to be of particular relevance	or priority date and not in conflict wi cited to understand the principle or the	
	document but published on or after the international	invention "X" document of particular relevance; the cannot be considered novel or cannot	claimed invention
"L" docume	ent which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or	involve an inventive step when the do "Y" document of particular relevance; the	cument is taken alone
citatio	n or other special reason (as specified) ent referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or	cannot be considered to involve an in document is combined with one or m	ventive step when the ore other such docu-
other 1		ments, such combination being obvior in the art.	
later ti	an the priority date claimed	'&' document member of the same patent	
	actual completion of the international search	Date of mailing of the international se	arch report
4	October 1994	19. 10. 94	
Name and	nailing address of the ISA European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentiaan 2	Authorized officer	
	NL - 2280 HV Rijswijk Tel. (+ 31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl, Fax (+ 31-70) 340-3016	Lauro, P	

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

information on patent family members

Inte onal Application No PCT/IB 94/00195

Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)		Publication date
WO-A-9311106	10-06-93	AU-A- CA-A- FI-A- PT-A-	2896192 2124206 942395 101087	28-06-93 10-06-93 24-05-94 30-06-94
WO-A-9118897	12-12-91	AU-B- AU-A- EP-A- JP-T- NZ-A-	646871 7957091 0486666 5502679 238424	10-03-94 31-12-91 27-05-92 13-05-93 23-12-93
WO-A-9314087	22-07-93	AU-B-	3349893	03-08-93
WO-A-9321178	28-10-93	AU-B-	3952693	18-11-93